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Dear Terry and Mark,

Just read MCP #126! Some thoughts:

"Passion Play" continues to be the main event—a showcase for interesting but little-seen heroes (namely Le Peregrine and Black Widow). The variety of parties interested in Lynx makes for a very volatile and unpredictable situation. The art is pretty decent too! One complaint—where did Wolvie, Courier and Le Peregrine scrounge up three plastic "Flesh Tone" suits on short notice? Is there an extremely talented tailor in Champion's compound? Oh well... A-.

The She-Hulk story wrapped up nicely, with Adrian showing some nobility and responsibility. Her act of saving She-Hulk cast a tragic light on her life. However, I considered it something of a cop-out to have She-Hulk in a rage about Adrenazon's "death," only to find out on the next page that she was alive. I don't know; the ending seemed too rushed and sloppy. Sorry, C+.

"The Walking Wounded" Part 5—oh man, how chilling. No wonder so many of my friends are absolutely crazy about Ann Nocenti's writing! Personally, I haven't read enough of it to be a fanatic, but what I have seen has been consistently powerful and thought provoking. Some aspects of the story have been a little too cryptic for my tastes, though, and the rather avant-garde coloring is sometimes too murky and unclear. The next chapter looks promising, though! B+.

And finally, the Iron Fist story seems to be a nice set-up for the upcoming monthly series by J.M. DeMatteis and Jae Lee. Unfortunately, and I'll be brutally honest with you here, I can't get past the art to enjoy it. The art style is too reminiscent of Rob Liefeld's heavily crosshatched style, which I simply don't like. Sorry, but I just don't go for this hot, trendy stuff; it looks sloppy to me. C-.

Well, thanks for listening, and I'll catch you next time.

Scott Haan
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Lafayette, IN 47905

Thanks for writing, Scott. We always appreciate your comments. As for our heroes getting those "Flesh Tone" suits in "Passion Play," you were not far from the truth in your guess. Actually, it's Wolverine that's an expert tailor.—especially with plastics... ah, but that's just another facet of Wolvie's mysterious past...

Dear Marveloids,

I picked up a copy of MARVEL COMICS PRESENTS #126 today and I was impressed. I collected MCP up until issue #95, when I became dissatisfied with the book's quality. However, this fresh look at the new MCP has brought me back to the comic.

I've always been a big fan of Typhoid Mary, ever since I first saw her in DAREDEVIL. It was nice to see this character again, especially under such excellent artistic management as Nocenti, Lightle and Lopez provide.

Actually, congratulations are in order for all of the writers (Lobdell, Corvese, Cavalieri and Nocenti, in #126. They all did a good job explaining the storylines, so it was easy for me to follow what was going on. Not bad, considering that I've missed thirty-odd issues.

MCP #126 was good enough to bring me back for more next issue. Oh yeah... an extra pat on the back to Joey Cavalieri for using the word "flubber" in a sentence.

Jason L. Wiggins
164 Fort Ave.
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CANADA

Thanks for coming back, Jason, we missed you. And, if you promise to stay around, we'll promise to increase the usage of the word "flubber" in future stories!

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GHOST RIDER

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GHOST RIDER/ TYPHOID MARY 1

THE WALKING WOUNDED
Part 8 of 8
"PAY THE MAKER"

Typhoid Mary is dead, Driven to suicide by Ghost Rider. For such a crime, who dares exact vengeance on the Spirit of Vengeance himself?

Story — ANN NOCENTI/STEVE LIGHTLE
Writer –ANN NOCENTI
Artist — STEVE LIGHTLE
Letterer —JON BABCOCK
Colorists — STEVE & MARIANNE LIGHTLE

pg.

IRON FIST 9

THE BOOK OF CHANGES
Part 6 of 8
"THE MEANING OF LIFE"

Iron Fist, distrustful of everyone with Hydra and A.I.M. having infiltrated his company, nevertheless took into confidence Lillian and Doug Hsu. Now, however, Hydra is using them to get closer to Iron Fist—and the Anomaly!

Writer —JOEY CAVALIERI
Pencilers — DAVE HOOVER
Inker—JEFF ALBRECHT
Letterer — MICHAEL HIGGINS
Colorist — MIKE THOMAS

NEXT ISSUE: WOLVERINE REUNITED WITH TIGER TYGER! IRON FIST IN A FURIOUS, ALL-OUT BATTLE WITH THE FORCES OF HYDRA! GHOST RIDER FACES THE MENACE OF DARKLOVE! PLUS, ANT-MAN IN "LATE FOR SUPPER"!

LOU... IS SHE DEAD?
THE OTHER TWO ARE TRYING TO GIVE HER STRENGTH!
I DON'T KNOW, SALLY. IT'S AS IF HER "LIGHT" HAS GONE OUT.
YES. WE SHALL PRAY, AND ADD OUR WILL TO THEIRS.
FATHER...? COULD WE HELP? SHOULD WE PRAY?
I DON'T KNOW ABOUT ME DOIN' ANY PRAYIN'.
BUT... I GUESS IT CAN'T HURT. WE GOTTA DO SOMETHING!
IT'S HOPELESS. SHE'S DYING.
NO! SHE WON'T DIE!
OUR FATHER, WHO ART IN HEAVEN...
COME ON, EVERYBODY, HELP!
... HALLOWED BE THY NAME...
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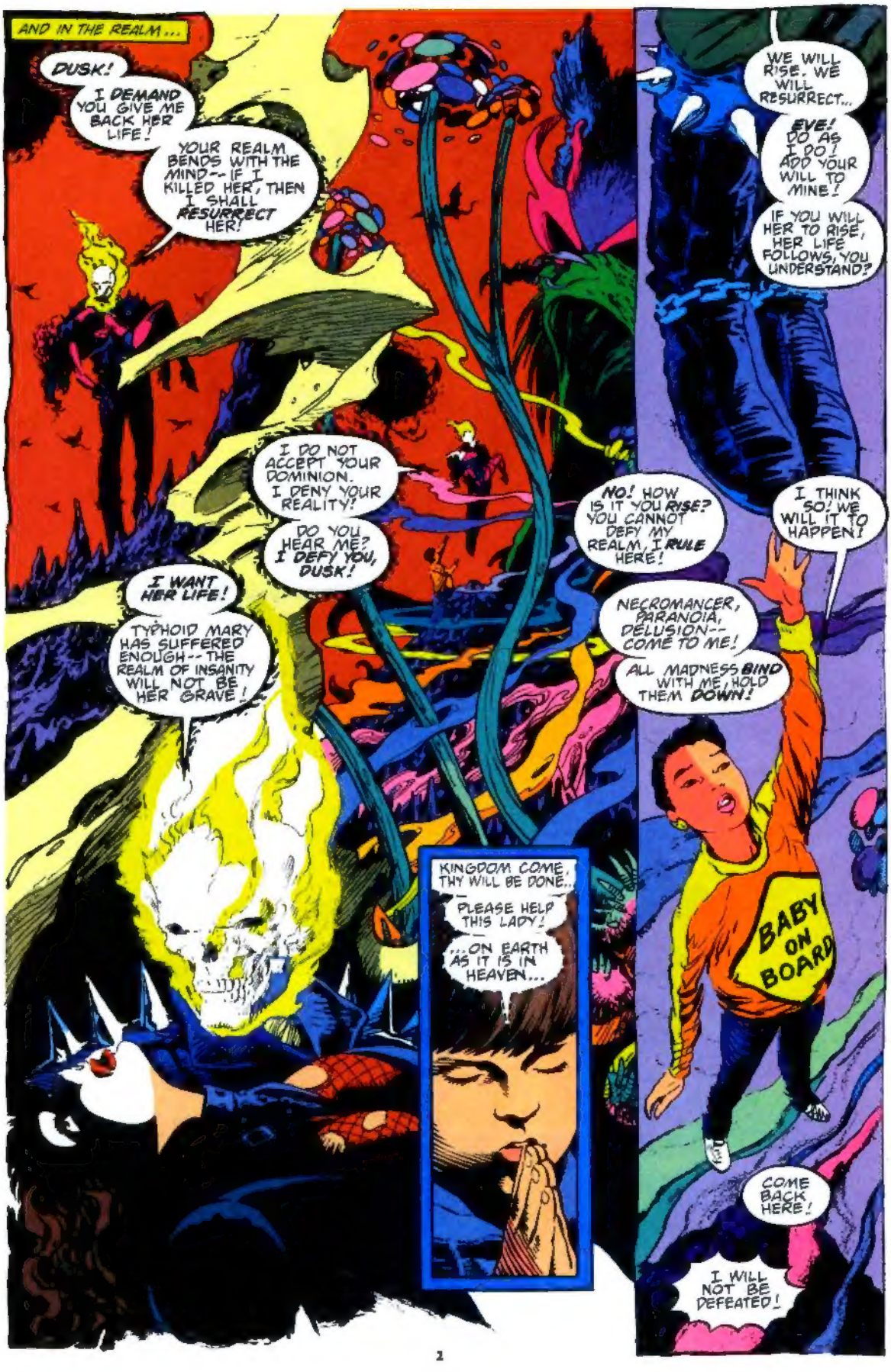

AND IN THE REALM...
DUSK!
I DEMAND YOU GIVE ME BACK HER LIFE!
YOUR REALM BENDS WITH THE MIND--IF I KILLED HER, THEN I SHALL RESURRECT HER!
I DO NOT ACCEPT YOUR DOMINION. I DENY YOUR REALITY!
DO YOU HEAR ME? I DEFY YOU, DUSK!
I WANT HER LIFE!
TYPHOID MARY HAS SUFFERED ENOUGH--THE REALM OF INSANITY WILL NOT BE HER GRAVE!
KINGDOM COME, THY WILL BE DONE...
PLEASE HELP THIS LADY!
...ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN...
WE WILL RISE. WE WILL RESURRECT...
EVE! DO AS I DO! ADD YOUR WILL TO MINE!
IF YOU WILL HER TO RISE, HER LIFE FOLLOWS, YOU UNDERSTAND?
NO! HOW IS IT YOU RISE? YOU CANNOT DEFY MY REALM, I RULE HERE!
I THINK SO! WE WILL IT TO HAPPEN!
NECROMANCER, PARANOIA, DELUSION--COME TO ME!
ALL MADNESS BIND WITH ME, HOLD THEM DOWN!
BABY ON BOARD
COME BACK HERE!
I WILL NOT BE DEFEATED!

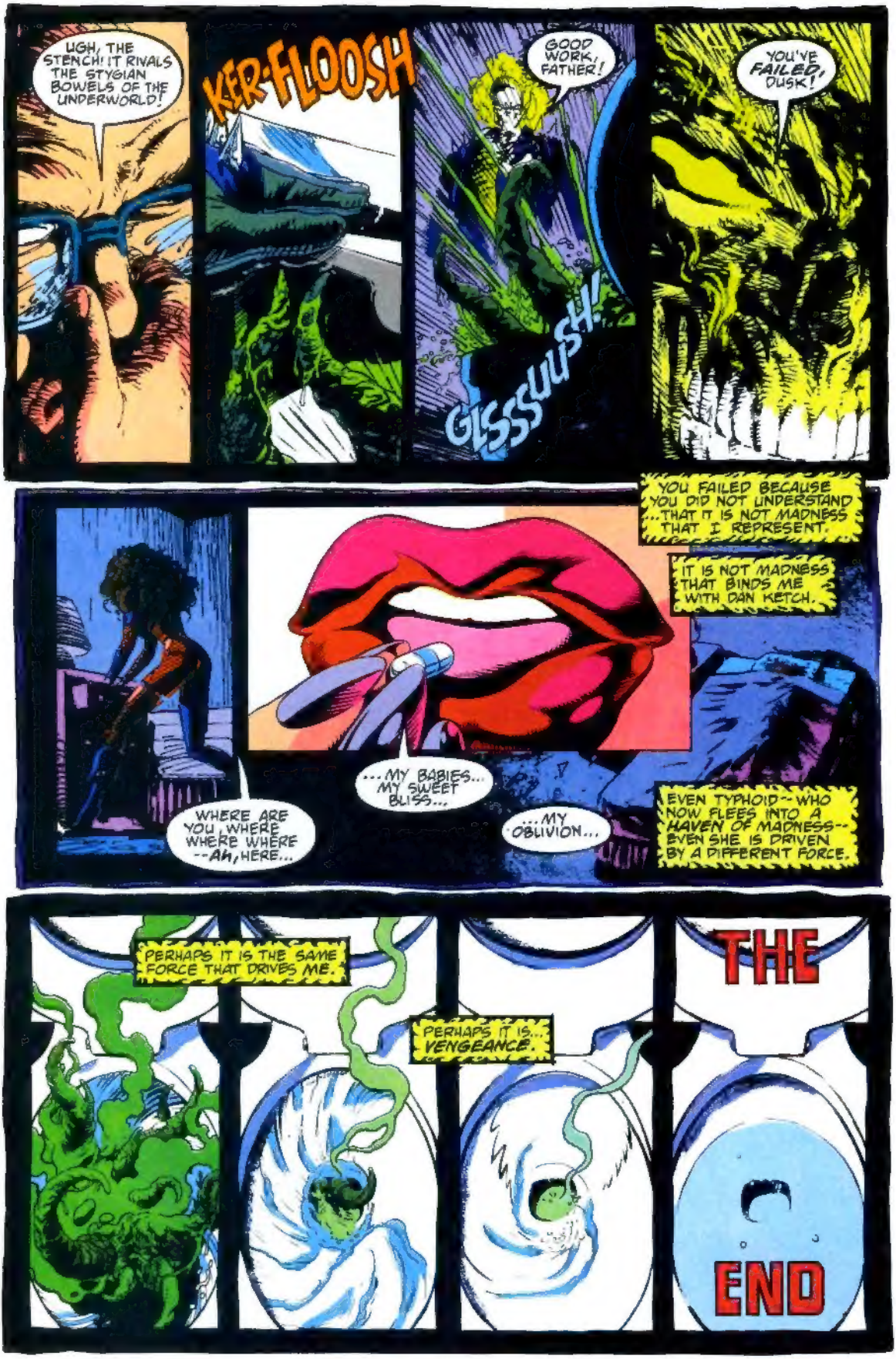
FEEL YOUR SPECTRAL HALF, EVE, AND HEAD TOWARDS IT!
OKAY, BUT I THINK HE'S FOLLOWING!
GOOD! HE WILL BE WEAK ONCE HE LEAVES HIS REALM!
...AND FORGIVE OUR TRESSPASSES AS WE FORGIVE THOSE--OH!
OH, MY GOD, THEY'RE BACK!
WE DID IT!
IS SHE ALIVE?
WAKE UP, MARY.
IT'S ALL OVER.
OH, DAN! OH, THANK YOU SO MUCH, YOU SAVED MY LIFE!
SHUSH. YOU MUST REST.
KS- SHOOOM!

HOW DARE YOU?!
YOU WILL ALL PAY--WITH MADNESS!
PREPARE TO LOSE YOUR MINDS!
I'M STICKING TO THE THE FLOOR ...LIKE HOT TAR... I CAN'T TAKE IT ANYMORE...
...I WAS DEAD... NOW I'M ALIVE... Oh, GOD, NO MORE!
I'VE GOT TO GET OUT OF HERE!

THAT'S IT, MORTALS~ I GIVE YOU DELIRIUM, DELUSIONS--
--HALLUCINATE WITH ME!
THY KINGDOM COME, THY WILL BE DONE...
HEY! GET YOUR SLIMY TENTACLES OFF THE BOY!
GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY...
MATT! REACH FOR ME!
COME ON, GIRLS-- MAKE SUSHI!
I'VE GOT YOU! MOMMA!
THIS WAY, DEMON, FACE ME!
WE STAND ON HOLY RIGHTEOUS GROUND, WE FEAR YOU NOT!
AH, A SHAMAN, IS IT? MEN OF RELIGION ARE THE RIPEST FOR MADNESS!
KR-KRSH!
GOTTA GO-- GOTTA GET OUT OF HERE!
GOD! WHAT DID I TELL EVE ABOUT MY PAST?
I REVEALED TOO MUCH. I GOTTA GET HOME!
LOST HIM.
WHERE'S YOUR GOD, NOW, SHAMAN?
WAS HE PERHAPS, JUST A DELUSION?
NO. IT'S TOO QUIET. MUCH TOO QUIET...
LET US PRAY, FATHER!
AAAHHH!

FOOLISH MOVE, DUSK--FORGETTING ABOUT ME.
K-PKUSH!
GOTTA GET HOME, GOTTA GET TO MY BABIES..
THIS IS FANTASTIC! NO! DON'T THINK ABOUT IT, JUST KEEP PRAYING!
DENY ME, GHOST RIDER-- AND YOU DENY YOURSELF!
DON'T YOU SEE? I AM MADNESS --I AM YOU!
IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO DENY YOUR OWN INSANITY!
I WILL ALWAYS BE WITH YOU FEEDING ON YOUR MIND, FEASTING ON YOUR SOUL!
NO! YOU ARE OUT OF YOUR REALM! YOU ARE WEAK, AND YOU ARE BLUFFING!

FIGHT HIM, DAN! I'M RIGHT HERE! I'M WITH YOU! KEEP THE FAITH!
NO, FATHER!
TAKE YOUR FAMILY AND RUN.
NOW!
LEAVE US, SHAMAN!
THIS IS ABOUT TO GET NICE AND UGLY.
GO, FATHER! SAVE YOURSELF!
NO! WE'RE IN THIS TOGETHER, DAN!
THE GHOST RIDER IS MINE, SHAMAN. HE IS LOST TO YOUR WORLD.
HE ALWAYS WAS. YOUR MAGIC IS USELESS.
YES, YOUR MAGIC. YOU CALL YOURSELF A PRIEST?
SO BLESS SOMETHING!
HUH? BUT I'D NEED WATER...?
OH, NO. I COULDN'T...
...WELL, WHY NOT? EVERYTHING'S SACRED...
HOMEHOME HOMEHOME...
...GOTTA FIND MY BABIES..
IT'S TIME, DEMON--
HSSSSSS
LET'S SEE WHAT YOU THINK OF--
--HOLY WATER!
SIZZLE!


UGH, THE STENCH! IT RIVALS THE STYGIAN BOWELS OF THE UNDERWORLD!
KER-FLOOSH
GOOD WORK, FATHER!
GISSSUUSH!
YOU'VE FAILED, DUSK!
YOU FAILED BECAUSE YOU DID NOT UNDERSTAND ...THAT IT IS NOT MADNESS THAT I REPRESENT.
IT IS NOT MADNESS THAT BINDS ME WITH DAN KETCH.
...MY BABIES... MY SWEET BLISS...
...MY OBLIVION...
WHERE ARE YOU, WHERE WHERE WHERE --AH, HERE...
EVEN TYPHOID -- WHO NOW FLEES INTO A HAVEN OF MADNESS -- EVEN SHE IS DRIVEN BY A DIFFERENT FORCE.
PERHAPS IT IS THE SAME FORCE THAT DRIVES ME.
PERHAPS IT IS... VENGEANCE.
THE
END

"THE MEANING OF LIFE"
AT LONG LAST...THIS PULSING PYRAMID IS FINALLY WHERE IT BELONGS...
...WITH HYDRA!
IRON FIST... WHO ...ARE THESE PEOPLE?
LUNATICS WITH GUNS, LILLIAN... LUNATICS WITH GUNS!
IRON FIST IN THE BOOK of CHANGES pt 6

I BEG TO DIFFER.
HAIL HYDRA! IMMORTAL HYDRA!
WE WILL NEVER BE DESTROYED! CUT OFF A LIMB AND TWO MORE TAKE ITS PLACE!
UM...HEY THERE, HI THERE, NO THERE...YOU'RE AS WELCOME AS CAN BE.
WE ARE HIGHLY TRAINED, SUPERBLY DISCIPLINED, MOTIVATED AND WELL-ORGANIZED.
TO WIT...
WHAAAT??
WHO IS THIS--
--THAT DOES NOT KNOW THE HYDRA PLEDGE?
STEALING A UNIFORM FROM A HAPLESS FOOT-SOLDIER TO INFILTRATE OUR RANKS WILL DO LITTLE TO AID YOUR CAUSE!
WHAT ADVANTAGE DID YOU THINK THIS WOULD GAIN YOU, IRON FIST?
WE DIDN'T KNOW HE HAD FOLLOWED US!
WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO TO HIM?
I HAVE THE SAME FATE PLANNED FOR ALL OF YOU...THE LIVING ROOM!
WHAT'S HE GONNA MAKE US DO? WATCH BAD MOVIES, LIKE MYSTERY SCIENCE THEATER 3000?

WE ARE PREPARING THE LASER INCISION NOW, SUPREME HYDRA!
PERFECT!
NOW PLACE OUR PRISONER BACK IN HIS OWN CLOTHES... AND RETURN THE INCOMPETENT HE OVERPOWERED TO HIS HYDRA UNIFORM!
WE KNOW WHAT TO DO NEXT, SIR!
NO! NO! I BEG YOU! PLEASE!
"YOU AND YOUR FOOL-HARDY COMPANIONS WILL LEARN, IRON FIST...
"...IT MUST BE FED!!!"
"...THAT WHEN I SAID 'LIVING ROOM,' I MEANT ONE THAT IS TRULY ALIVE...
"...AND LIKE ALL LIVING THINGS...

NEXT!
INTO THE LIVING ROOM!
YOU CALL THAT LIVING?
ENJOY YOUR CHEAP WITTICISM.
ONCE THE WALL HEALS, YOU'LL BE TRAPPED INSIDE FOR-EVER!
"WHICH IN YOUR CASE, SHOULD LAST ABOUT SIX SECONDS!"
I CAN KEEP THESE AWFUL PSEUDOPODS AT BAY... BUT THINK--
--IF THIS TRULY IS A "LIVING" ROOM, WHAT IS THE MEANING OF LIFE?
THIS IS NO TIME FOR A REVIEW OF EASTERN PHILO.
I MEAN, WHAT ARE THE FUNCTIONS THAT DENOTE LIFE IN AN ORGANISM?
THERE'S LOCOMOTION...
IT'S LOCOMOTING PRETTY GOOD ALREADY ...LIKE JELL-O!
...THERE'S SECRETION AND EXCRETION...
I DON'T WANT TO HEAR ABOUT IT.
...THERE'S REPRO-DUCTION...
I DON'T WANT TO HEAR ABOUT THAT EITHER!

THAT'S IT! REPRODUCTION!
IF THIS ROOM IS ANALOGOUS TO A UNICELLULAR ANIMAL...
...THEN THAT DARKENED GLOBE UP THERE MUST BE ITS NUCLEUS!
THINK YOU CAN REACH IT, DOUG?
LEAVE IT TO ME--
--I NEVER MISS!
GAME OF ONE-ON-ONE?
NOT NOW.
"CUT OFF A LIMB AND TWO MORE SHALL TAKE ITS PLACE," THEY SAID.
MY PLAN IS TO START SPLITTING IT...ENCOURAGE ITS OWN NATURAL BINARY FISSION...

...AND WITH TWO NUCLEI, THE ENTIRE ORGANISM WILL FOLLOW SUIT...
"...AND SPLIT COMPLETELY IN TWO..."
...ALLOWING US TO--
THEY'RE ESCAPING!
AW! HE GAVE IT AWAY!
STOP! STOP! HOW DO YOU STOP IT?
BETTER MOVE! IT'S GAINING ON US!
"LOCOMOTING" YOU MEAN!
HOW DO YOU STOP IT-- AIEEE!
THAT GIVES HIM A TERM PAPER QUESTION.
LET'S GEDDADA-HERE.
WE'RE NOT LEAVING WITHOUT THE ANOMALY.
I'M SORRY TO HEAR THAT.

IT'S STILL HEADED TOWARD US! IT'S STILL... HUNGRY!
I'M RELEASING THE CONTAINMENT WALL!
ZZINNNG
SHUNG
ZINNNNG
THOSE FALLING WALLS AREN'T TOO PARTICULAR WHERE THEY FALL!
BAD AIM!
IF I WERE CONTROLLING THEM... I WOULDN'T MISS!
ZZINNNNG
HALT!
NOT IN OUR GAME PLAN. SORRY.
SHUNG
I RECOGNIZE THIS WALL! WE CAME FROM HERE!
UNLESS I MISS MY GUESS--
YOU, ON THE OTHER HAND...
...HAVE BEEN HALTED FOR GOOD.

-- IT HIDES THE SUPREME HYDRA!
HIDE? WHY SHOULD I HIDE?
WE HAVE ALL WE NEED... AND YOU ARE POWERLESS TO WREST IT FROM US!
I'LL SHOW YOU HOW POWERLESS WE ARE!
HAND OVER THE ANOMALY!
THAT IS YOUR NAME FOR IT.
NOW... I MIGHT BE WILLING TO COMPLY...
... BUT IF I DID, I'D BE BREAKING UP... A SET!

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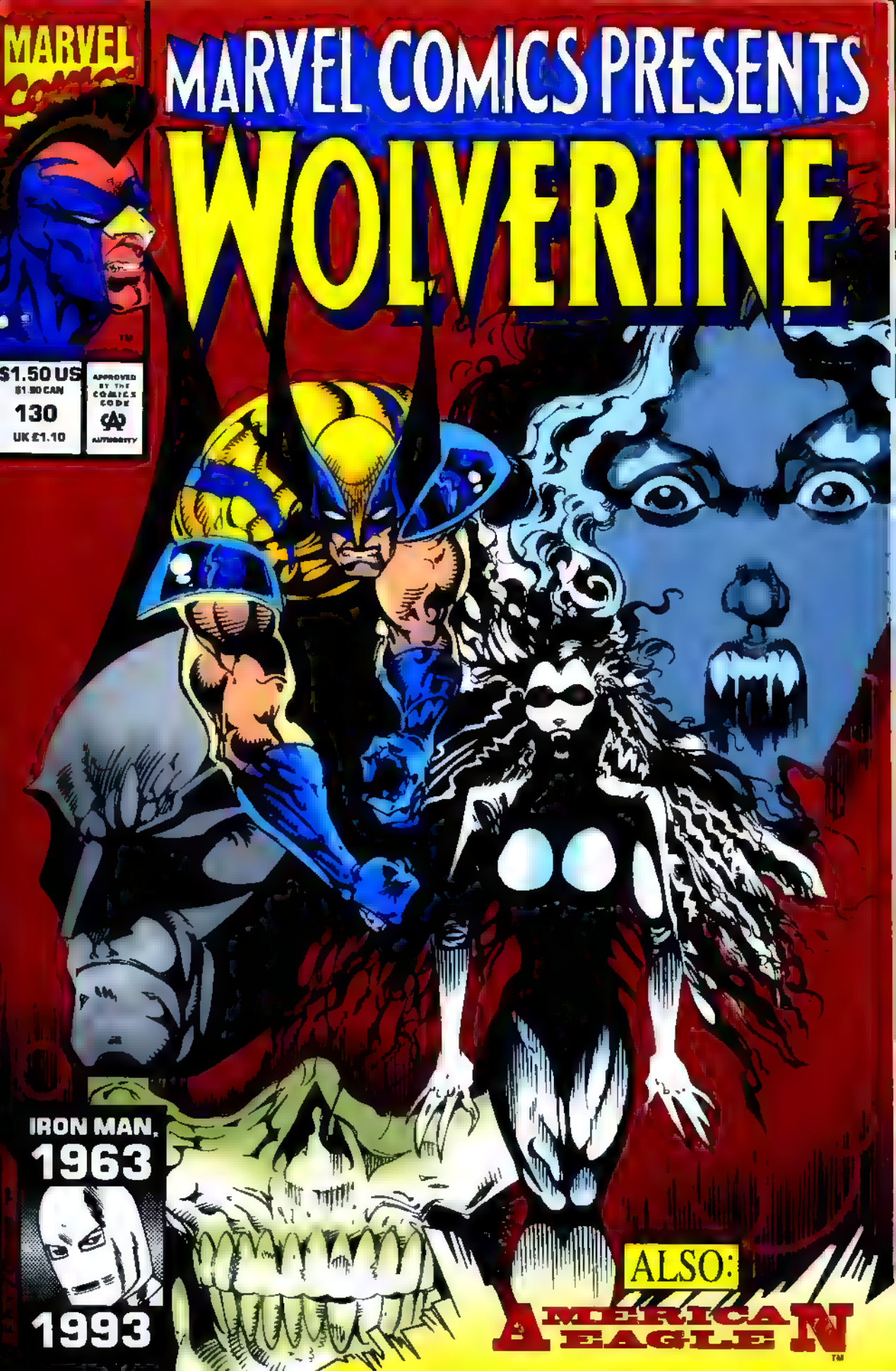
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WOLVERINE/ LYNX 1

PASSION PLAY
Part 8 of 8
"MISSING LYNX"

The They has been defeated! The Panacea drug has been returned to the proper authorities! But what will be the final fate of the Lynx?

Plot — SCOTT LOBDELL
Script – DAN SLOTT
Penciler— DENNIS JENSEN
Inker —JON HOLDREDGE
Letterer — UL HIGGINS
Colorist —KELLY CORVESE

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AMERICAN EAGLE 9

"SCREAMS"

The American Eagle, in an attempt to ease the tension between his people and the American government, agrees to help the F.B.I. track down a serial killer. But he may get more than he's bargained for...

Writer — JOHN FIGUEROA
Penciler — RON WILSON
Inker—DON HUDSON
Letterer — UL HIGGINS
Colorist — MIKE THOMAS

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Dear Terry and Mark,

MARVEL COMICS PRESENTS #126 was another good issue. Here's what I thought of it, and why:

Wolverine Cover: This was another enjoyable cover from Fry and Ivy, and was more than a bit on the wacky side, which is why I liked it. Grade: A+.

Ghost Rider/Typhoid Mary Cover: Steve Lightle did a good job drawing G.R. and Mary, adding some great detail to his work. Did he color it, as well? Grade: A+.

"Passion Play" Part 4: Is this story six or eight chapters long? I hope you're not planning on cutting this great story short, considering we haven't seen much of the Lynx. I have to congratulate Scott on assembling a worldwide collection of heroes. We've got Wolvie (Canada), Courier (Germany), Le Peregrine (France) and the Black Widow (Russia). Not only that, but they argue as much as the real United Nations! Grade: A.

"Adrenazon's Revenge" Part 4: This was my favorite offering this issue, containing a touching story by Kelly Corvese, as well as some stunning artwork by Hoover and Campanella. In fact, the whole story has been very good. Grade: A+.

"Book of Changes" Part 2: Whereas Dave Hoover's artwork flowed across the pages in the She-Hulk story, here his work seemed stiff. It seems that Campanella looks better over him than Albrecht does here. I mean no offense to Jeff. It's just that some penciers and inkers do not go well together. Also, storywise, Iron Fist's extreme distrust of Misty seemed extremely out of character for him. Grade: B.

"Walking Wounded" Part 4: This story has improved greatly since last issue, clarifying many points that I was confused about before. I'm glad Steve is back inking his work again; it seems much better now. Grade: A.

Overall Grade: A. Good work, guys, and thanks for giving us the She-Hulk solo story. Female characters rarely get the spotlight in comics, and MCP is the perfect place to have them. I'd love to see you spotlight some of the X-Ladies in the future, such as Psylocke, Rogue, Shadowcat or Storm. Thanks for your time, and I'll see you in two weeks!

Ben Herman
New Rochelle, NY

Thanks for writing, Ben. We look forward to hearing from you again, as well. Now, let's try to answer your questions: As you can now see, "Passion Play" is, in fact, eight parts, since you are holding the final issue in your hands. The Steve Lightle cover was colored by our very own George Roussos, with a little help from Steve, who sent along a guide that indicated the colors he wanted on it!

Dear Terry and Mark,

I'm just writing to tell you how much I've enjoyed the past few issues of MARVEL COMICS PRESENTS. Reading the new chapters of "Passion Play" and "The Walking Wounded" have become the highlight of my comic reading schedule.

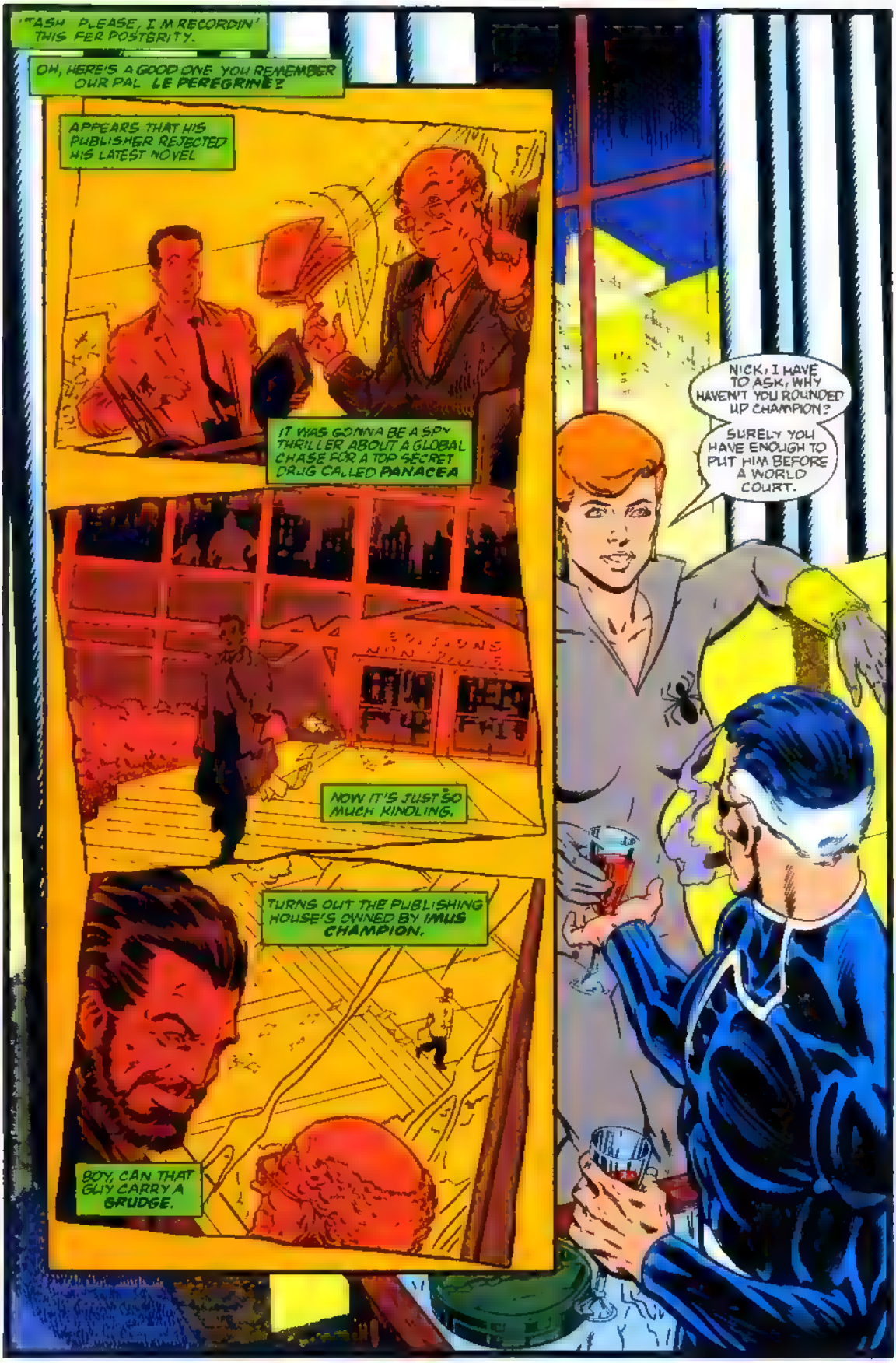
I like these stories so much because I feel that Scott Lobdell and Ann Nocenti are two of the premier writers in comics today. While Ann seems to be slowly achieving fame as a writer, Scott seems to have exploded onto the comics scene. Why, just a few short years ago, he was writing Le Peregrine stories right here in these pages. And now, he's still writing Le Peregrine stuff, along with UNCANNY X-MEN, EXCALIBUR stories, and many other projects.

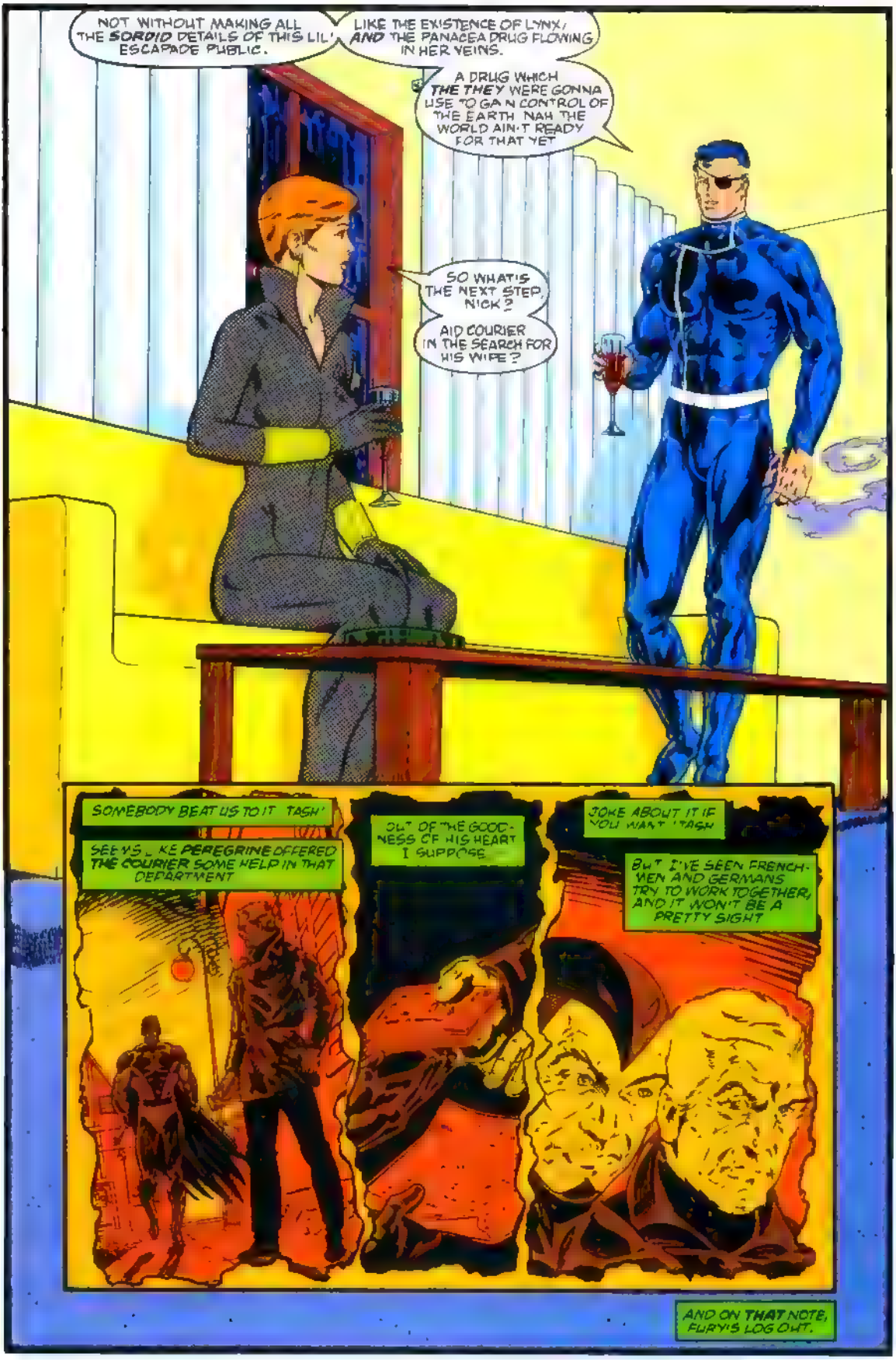
As for Ann, I am consistently entertained by her work, and hope to see more of her intelligent and compelling writing in the future.

Victor DuPree
Fresno, CA

FURY'S LOG, SHIELD CLEARANCE LEVEL EPSILON. I'M CLOSIN' THE CASE ON THE LYNX AFFAIR. IT'S AS OVER AS IT'S EVER GONNA GET
AND FER THOSE OF YAH WHO WANT ALL THE DETAILS WRAPPED 'NTA A NICE LIL' BUNDLE...
... TOUGH. ALL YER GETTIN' IS LOOSE ENDS.
TAKE THIS GUY FOR EXAMPLE, THE ELECTRICALLY CHARGED GERMAN OPERATIVE CALLED THE COURIER.
HIS LAST ASSIGNMENT: BRING A SPECIAL PACKAGE TO BERLIN, A GIRL NAMED LYNX.
FIRST TIME IN FIFTY YEARS OF SERVICE THAT COURIER FAILED TO DELIVER A PACKAGE. IN THIS WAS THE PRICE.
KATHARINA!
WO BIST DU?!
SIE IST NICHT HIER.
Passion Play
PART EIGHT
FEATURING WOLVERINE AND THE LYNX
MISSING LYNX

PROBLEM STARTED FOR COURIER WHEN HE LINKED UP WITH THE WRONG OUTFIT
A SHADOWY BUNCH SET 40 KILOMETERS EAST AND 40 YEARS BACK OF CHECKPOINT CHARLIE.
GRUBER!
<DO NOT WORRY, COURIER YOUR WIFE IS SOMEWHERE SAFE.>*
<FOR THE TIME BEING>
*TRANSLATED FROM THE GERMAN
<WHY ARE YOU DOING THIS?>
<BECAUSE THERE ARE RULES, HANS.
<AND IF YOU VALUE YOUR WIFE, START FOLLOWING THEM!>
<NO MORE!>
ZZZRRAXX
<FROM NOW ON, I MAKE THE RULES!>
GRUBER'S CHARRED REMAINS WERE FOUND ON THE STREETS BELOW
"WE THINK THEY'RE GRUBER'S, NICK. WE'LL KNOW IN AN HOUR IF THE DENTAL RECORDS CHECK."

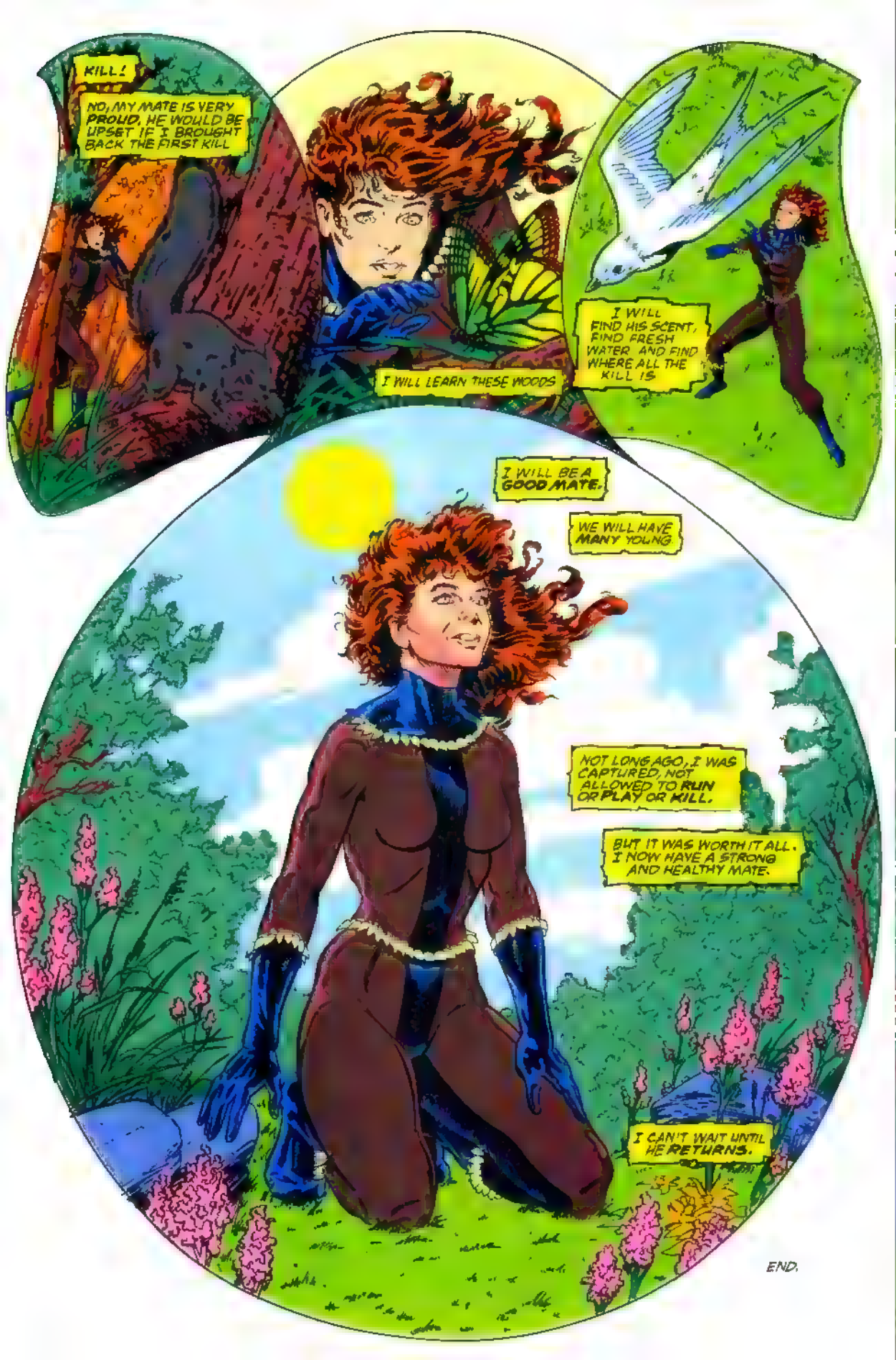

'ASH PLEASE, I M RECORDIN' THIS FER POSTERITY.
OH, HERE'S A GOOD ONE YOU REMEMBER OUR PAL LE PEREGRINE?
APPEARS THAT HIS PUBLISHER REJECTED HIS LATEST NOVEL
IT WAS GONNA BE A SPY THRILLER ABOUT A GLOBAL CHASE FOR A TOP SECRET DRUG CALLED PANACEA
NOW IT'S JUST SO MUCH KINDLING.
TURNS OUT THE PUBLISHING HOUSE'S OWNED BY IMUS CHAMPION.
BOY, CAN THAT GUY CARRY A GRUDGE.
NICK, I HAVE TO ASK, WHY HAVEN'T YOU ROUNDED UP CHAMPION?
SURELY YOU HAVE ENOUGH TO PUT HIM BEFORE A WORLD COURT.


NOT WITHOUT MAKING ALL THE SORDID DETAILS OF THIS LIL' ESCAPADE PUBLIC.
LIKE THE EXISTENCE OF LYNX, AND THE PANACEA DRUG FLOWING IN HER VEINS.
A DRUG WHICH THE THEY WERE GONNA USE TO GAIN CONTROL OF THE EARTH. NAH. THE WORLD AIN'T READY FOR THAT YET.
SO WHAT'S THE NEXT STEP, NICK?
AID COURIER IN THE SEARCH FOR HIS WIFE?
SOMEBODY BEAT US TO IT, TASH!
SEEMS LIKE PEREGRINE OFFERED THE COURIER SOME HELP IN THAT DEPARTMENT.
OUT OF THE GOODNESS OF HIS HEART I SUPPOSE.
JOKE ABOUT IT IF YOU WANT, TASH.
BUT I'VE SEEN FRENCHMEN AND GERMANS TRY TO WORK TOGETHER, AND IT WON'T BE A PRETTY SIGHT.
AND ON THAT NOTE, FURY'S LOG OUT.

LOG OUT? NICK, YOU DIDN'T EVEN MENTION THE TWO BIGGEST PLAYERS: WOLVERINE AND THE LYNX.
OR THE FACT THERE'S A CHANCE THAT SHE STILL HAS THE PANACEA CURE IN HER SYSTEM.
IF SOMEONE WERE TO ABDUCT HER THIS WHOLE MESS WOULD START ALL OVER AGAIN.
I DOUBT THAT WIDOW.
Y KNOW HOW MANY GUYS ARE RUNNIN' ROUND W TH SPANDEX ON THEIR BUTTS AND SECRET FORMULAS IN THEIR GUTS?
LIKE INFINITY FORMULAS?
OR SUPER SOLDIER SERUMS?
Tink
TOUCHÉ
IF LOGAN HIDES HER WELL ENOUGH, LYNX SHOULD FADE PERMANENTLY INTA OBSCURITY.
SO YOU PASSED HER ON TO WOLVERINE?
DIDN'T HEAR THAT FROM ME, WIDOW.
IN FACT, IF YOU'RE SMART, YOU DIDN'T HEAR THAT AT ALL.

HIS GRIP IS FIRM AND STRONG. I'M SO LUCKY TO HAVE HIM FOR A MATE
ALMOST THERE, LYNX.
HE'S ADMIRING MY NEW SKIN. HE'S SO PROUD OF IT
LIKE THE THREADS? JUST ONE OF MY OLD SUITS THAT WAS LYING AROUND IN THE CLOSET.
GOTTA TELL YA, YOU CERTAINLY FILL IT OUT BETTER THAN I EVER DID!
HIS KILL MUST HAVE BEEN FIERCE FOR A SKIN THIS LARGE.
SEE THIS, DARLIN'? IT'S A VERY SPECIAL PLACE.
I USETA CALL IT HOME. TILL MY PALS, HEATHER AND MAC, FOUND ME AND TOOK ME IN.
HARD TO BELIEVE, BUT I HAD MYSELF SOME GOOD TIMES HERE
I'M SURE YOU'LL MAKE OUT JUST FINE.
I CAN TELL HE MEANS THIS TO BE OUR TERRITORY
BUT WHY DOES HE WAIT SO LONG TO MARK IT?

WHAT ARE YOU WAITIN' FOR?
OH, HE MUST ALREADY HAVE A DWELLING IN THE WOODS.
SCRAM! GET OUTTA HERE.
BELIEVE ME, BABE, THIS IS THE BEST WAY..
I'LL SEARCH FOR HIS SCENT. AFTER HE COMES BACK WITH A KILL, WE'LL MATE.
WOOOO
YEAH, "WOO" TO YOU, TOO.
BYE, KID.
HAVE A GOOO LIFE.


KILL!
NO, MY MATE IS VERY PROUD. HE WOULD BE UPSET IF I BROUGHT BACK THE FIRST KILL
I WILL LEARN THESE WOODS
I WILL FIND HIS SCENT, FIND FRESH WATER AND FIND WHERE ALL THE KILL IS
I WILL BE A GOOD MATE.
WE WILL HAVE MANY YOUNG
NOT LONG AGO, I WAS CAPTURED, NOT ALLOWED TO RUN OR PLAY OR KILL.
BUT IT WAS WORTH IT ALL. I NOW HAVE A STRONG AND HEALTHY MATE.
I CAN'T WAIT UNTIL HE RETURNS.
END.

THE AMERICAN EAGLE IN
SCREAMS
HE IS CLOSE, AGENT PECK--I CAN FEEL IT.
SHROOMSLAM
CALM DOWN, EAGLE. YOU MUST BE DRINKING TOO MUCH COFFEE! AND PLEASE, CALL ME DALE.
HUNTING SERIAL KILLERS TAKES TIME.

I KNOW. IT'S JUST THAT I'M PICKING UP STRONG SIGNALS.
REGARDLESS, WE STILL HAVE TO BE CAREFUL.
PERSONALLY, I'M SHOCKED THAT THE AMERICAN EAGLE WOULD AGREE TO HELP THE FBI ON A CASE...
..GIVEN OUR RECORD ON THE RIGHTS OF NATIVE AMERICANS.
I PUT ASIDE MY FEELINGS ABOUT THE FBI FOR PERSONAL REASONS.
I'M BECOMING BURNED OUT ON THE POLITICS OF CIVIL RIGHTS PERHAPS AIDING THE BUREAU IN AN INVESTIGATION WILL HELP HEAL SOME OF THE SCARS BETWEEN US.
WHEN THE FBI ASKED ME TO HELP TRACK A SERIAL KILLER WITH POSSIBLE PSYCHIC POWERS
WELL, IT SEEMED LIKE THE PERFECT CASE IN WHICH TO DO IT--WAIT.
SOMEONE'S COMING UP BEHIND US!
SLAM

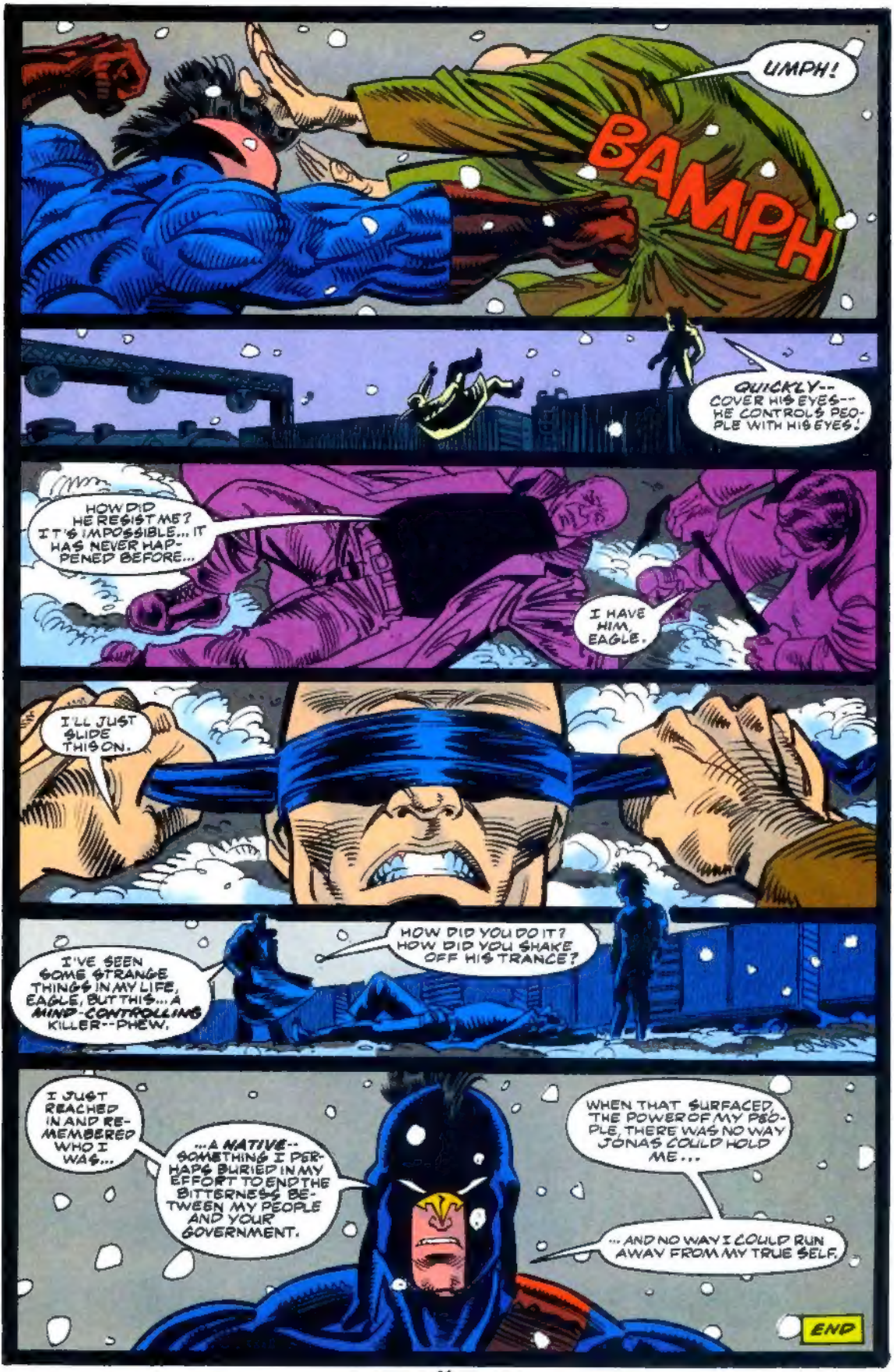
DO NOT RESIST, OR I WILL MAKE YOU DIE SLOWLY!
SOMETHING IS WRONG. THIS GUY IS TOO SLOW AND SICK TO BE THE KILLER WE'RE TRACKING.
I BETTER TAKE HIM OUT QUICK AND EASY, SO I CAN FIGURE THIS OUT.
FPAPH
BULLSEYE! GOOD WORK EAGLE, WE GOT OUR KILLER!
THIS IS NOT OUR KILLER.

THE GUY WE ARE LOOKING FOR IS STRONG. HE'S KILLED 15 PEOPLE, AND CAUSED 10 OTHERS TO COMMIT SUICIDE.
I HAD A STRONG FEELING TO COME TO THE GE OLD RAIL YARDS. A STRONG CALL. YET I FEEL NOTHING FROM THIS MAN. IT IS AS IF HE WERE DEAD.
AGENT PECK-- DALE, THIS IS NOT OUR MAN.
YOU TRACKED HIM, HE ATTACKED-- THIS IS OUR GUY!
NO. I AM SPEAKING TO WHOMEVER CONTROLS THE MAN WHO ATTACKED US! I KNOW YOU ARE THERE. I CAN FEEL YOU!

I HEAR YOU, YOU DON'T HAVE TO SCREAM. I'M JONAS, AND I AM YOUR GOD!
SINCE BIRTH, I HAVE BEEN ABLE TO CONTROL ANY MAN OR WOMAN ON THIS PLANET WITH MY THOUGHTS.
THE SPIRITS ARE STRONG WITH YOU, JONAS-- YOU HAVE MISUSED AN AMAZING GIFT!
NO! THE VOICES IN MY HEAD TELL ME THAT WITH EACH LIFE I TAKE, EACH PERSON I CONTROL, I BECOME A MORE POWERFUL GOD!
I COMMEND YOU. IN OVER ONE HUNDRED MURDERS, NO ONE HAS EVER TRACKED ME THE WAY YOU DID. YOU ARE A GOD BECOMING...
...BUT I CANNOT ALLOW YOU TO STOP ME. KILL AGENT PECK NOW!
I'M TRYING TO RESIST, BUT I CAN'T... HIS COMMANDS ARE INVADING MY SOUL!
KILL HIM, AND THEN YOURSELF!
WHAT GOOD ARE YOU, ANYWAY? YOU SEEK PEACE WITH YOUR ENEMY BY DOING HIS BIDDING. NOW YOU WILL DO MY BIDDING!

FORGIVE ME, DALE, HIS POWER IS TOO STRONG!
KRAK
UGH!
HE'S HURT BAD. I MUST RESIST, I MUST FOCUS-- ARGHHHHH!!
YOU DO NOT THINK UNLESS I TELL YOU TO.
KILL THE AGENT!
I NEED TO SUMMON MY PRIMAL ENERGY, TO PULL MYSELF AWAY FROM HIS MAGIC--WAIT! OF COURSE, I SEE IT NOW!

C'MON, TONTO, I DON'T HAVE ALL NIGHT!
MY FAMILY WAR CRY! THE SOUND MY ANCESTORS MADE IN WAR--IN THE HUNT! THIS CAN BREAK IT!
WHOWHOWHOWHOOOOOOO!
I AM FREE.
HUH?
TIME FOR YOU TO GET A NEW RELIGION, JONAS!
FTHUMP
TIME FOR YOU TO STOP MISUSING YOUR GIFT!
KRAKAKATHAP


UMPH!
BAMPH
QUICKLY-- COVER HIS EYES-- HE CONTROLS PEOPLE WITH HIS EYES!
HOW DID HE RESIST ME? IT'S IMPOSSIBLE... IT HAS NEVER HAPPENED BEFORE...
I HAVE HIM, EAGLE.
I'LL JUST SLIDE THIS ON.
HOW DID YOU DO IT? HOW DID YOU SHAKE OFF HIS TRANCE?
I'VE SEEN SOME STRANGE THINGS IN MY LIFE, EAGLE, BUT THIS... A MIND-CONTROLLING KILLER--PHEW.
I JUST REACHED IN AND REMEMBERED WHO I WAS...
...A NATIVE-- SOMETHING I PERHAPS BURIED IN MY EFFORT TO END THE BITTERNESS BETWEEN MY PEOPLE AND YOUR GOVERNMENT.
WHEN THAT SURFACED, THE POWER OF MY PEOPLE, THERE WAS NO WAY JONAS COULD HOLD ME...
...AND NO WAY I COULD RUN AWAY FROM MY TRUE SELF.
END